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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 5, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-4" to --claim 1--,  
Claim 12, line 1, change "claims 1-7" to --claim 1--,  
Claim 13, line 2, change "claims 1-7" to --claim 1--,  
Claim 14, line 1, change "claims 1-7" to --claim 1--,  
Claim 15, line 1, change "claims 1-7" to --claim 1--,  
Claim 19, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 17-18" to --claim 17--,  
Claim 22, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 20-21" to --claim 20--,  
Claim 26, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 24-25" to --claim 24--.

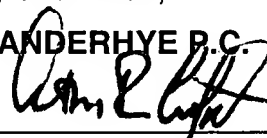
**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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